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SEC to Review Exemption of Stephens Co.

LITTLE ROCK Feb. 9 (Special) — When the W. R. Stephens Investment Co. Little Rock, asked the federal Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt it from compliance with the Public Utilities Holding Co. Act for one year, dating from December 15, 1954, the announced goals with reference to Stephens' newly acquired control of Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co., were different in important particulars from those the Stephens company now says are contemplated.

The Stephens application to the SEC in October, 1954, recited that Ark-La Gas would divest itself of producing, gathering and extraction properties by transfer to a corporation that had never been formed (from which Mississippi River Fuel Corp., would ultimately acquire them) and that the Stephens company would dispose of its Ark-La stockholdings within one year.

The conditions which Stephens set up as the basis for exemption from the Holding Company Act have not been met. The SEC has ordered a review of the exemption petition and a hearing is scheduled February 20 in Washington.

An indication of the extent to which the Ark-La picture has changed since the Stephens company, headed by W. R. Stephens — bond broker, multiple bank stock owner, utility operator and political power — acquired more than half of Ark-La's common stock with the assistance of a New York bank loan and a note endorsement by the Mississippi River Fuel Corp. (recently it was reported another endorsement had replaced MRFC's) is found in the following developments.

1. Any political handicap which Ark-La shared with Arkansas Power and Light Co., because both filed rate increase applications just before the 1954 Democratic primary campaign has been lifted from the gas company — Arkansas Power and Light Co., is filling the whipping boy role without an understudy these days. The Memphis Commercial Appeal's Little Rock correspondent commented in a February 5 article that it was a foregone conclusion the Pub. L. & C. Service Commission would rule against AP&L in the current rate application hearing.

2. The PSC has granted Ark-La, Gas two increases since the Stephens entry into the company's management. One increase was of a general nature and the other was against industrial plants.

3. Established rate-making practices of the PSC have been abandoned insofar as Ark-La Gas is concerned; now (a) it is permitted to earn eight per cent from industrial customers instead of the traditional six per cent, (b) its income tax deduction allowance is not added back into the net earnings but instead is treated as a "bonus" to the stockholders after net earnings are computed for rate-testing purposes, (c) it is allowed to charge into operating expenses the so-called "fair field price" of the gas produced by its own wells rather than charging only actual production cost. No other utility has been the beneficiary of so many concessions from the PSC; each of the policy changes added to the amount available for stockholders.

4. Ark-La's stock, which Stephens bought from Cities Service Co., for \$12.50 per share, is quoted on the stock market at \$19 to \$20; a 10 per cent stock dividend was voted all stockholders in December; earnings for 1955 were reported to be \$1.07 per share compared with \$1.05 in 1954.

5. Ark-La's stock, owned by Stephens but pledged as note security cost him \$25,000,000; based on current market prices it has increased in value to \$43,500,000 in little more than a year. When he bought it at \$12.50 it was quoted at \$11.25. Its book value is approximately \$9 per share.

6. Major personnel changes have been made, with a Stephens long-time friend and associate, Joe Hardin of Grady, stepping into the general management at Little Rock to replace the veteran executive, R. W. Curran, several months before the latter was due to retire. Mr. Curran was not cut off the payroll; however, many others have lost their jobs. Economy was the objective, the company said. It also began charging customers for services formerly charged to overhead expense.

7. The transfer of production, gathering and extraction properties to Mississippi River Fuel Corp. through an intermediate (but never organized) corporation will not take place; thus, one of the commitments in the Stephens application to the SEC was not kept.

8. Stephens has made no move to dispose of his stockholdings — any large scale offering of the stock probably would lead to a drop in market price. The Stephens company reiterated, when the SEC review of its status was scheduled, that it would eventually sell off its Ark-La stock.

Bulletin

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UP) — A federal judge today dismissed a contempt charge filed against a University of Alabama dean for refusing to admit a second Negro to the school.

Probers Ask More Data on Missiles

BY JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Jackson (D-Wash) said today a congressional subcommittee he heads "will want to hear the views of Trevor Gardner" on what should be done to spur the Defense Department's missile program.

Gardner announced yesterday he had sent to President Eisenhower his resignation as assistant Air Force secretary for research and development.

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Labor Tags 9 Lawmen to Be Opposed

BY NORMAN WALKER

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — Leaders of the combined AFL-CIO today were reported to have tagged nine members of the Senate to organized labor opposition in the fall elections.

The nine, all Republicans, were reported to be Senators Duff (Pa.), Cogchart (Ind.), Thye (Minn.), Kuyk (Calif.), Welker (Idaho), Goldwater (Ariz.), Millikin (Colo.), Willey (Wis.) and Butler (Md.). AFL-CIO leaders participating in winter meetings here also were reported to have decided to support Sen. Morse (D-Ore.), but to withdraw any organized labor support in the prospective Senate race in Ohio between Gov. Frank Lausche, Democrat, and Sen. Bender (R-Ohio).

Best Survival Kit in Troubled Atomic Age Can Be Carried Around in a Small Pocket

BY HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (UPI) — Carbstone comments of a pavement Plato:

Have you made a do-it-yourself personal survival kit to protect you against the hydrogen bomb?

Probably not.

People who live on the edge of a night in time cease to fear the falling dark. So it is with us. We have dwelt so many years now under the pall of potential atomic death that we have become accustomed to its shadow.

In addition to canned goods, he said during an interview in Detroit, "I have bottles of water, a can opener, a hatchet, blankets, pliers, a tow rope and a 6-by-3-foot sheet of canvas in the trunk."

Obviously, Dr. Warren believes in being prepared, and every man, of course, has a right to his own safety measures.

But one can only hope that an

Would Remove Buying Controls to Avert Slump

WASHINGTON (UP) — A congressional investigating subcommittee demanded today that the administration removed credit controls on home buying to avert a "sharp slump" in home building.

The group called for a return to the "no downpayment" on purchase of GI houses and lower down-payments on purchases of FHA-insured homes which prevailed before controls were imposed last July.

The recommendation was made by a House Banking subcommittee headed by Rep. Albert Rains (D-Ala.) in reporting on a six-month investigation.

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Mr. Coleman said the program would feature discussions on the Cotton Situation, Cotton's Competitive Position in National and World Markets, Farm Bureau's Seven-Point Cotton Program, and the Soil Bank Plan. National authorities on each of the subjects will participate in the discussions.

The County Farm Bureau president said that the Farm Bureau Seven-Point Cotton program includes the following seven points:

1. Make cotton price support level reflect average grade.
2. Study the method of calculating parity price for cotton.
3. Increase research for cotton.
4. Mandatory labeling of textile fiber products.
5. Study and correct textile import problems.
6. Further reduce production CCC surplus stocks.
7. Take action to expand exports of cotton.

Those appearing on the program will include John C. Lynn, Legislative Director, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, D. C.; M. K. Horne, Chief Economist, National Cotton Council, Memphis, and Harold Ohlendorf, President of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation.

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Active pallbearers, Danny Hamilton, Jim and Joe Wilson, Horace Ellen, Jim Stuart and B. Dillard.

Students of Yerger High School who made the honor roll the first semester are:

7-B — Douglas Williamson.

7-C — Uzziah Grigsby, Oscar Lee

Miess, Martha Allen, Mary Jefferson, Mary Ann McFadden.

8-A — Thomas Colbert, Jerry

Dell Dennis, Colotola Grigsby.

9-B — Odell Dennis.

10-A — Lorene Strauther.

12-A — Shirley Robinson, Ozie

Williams, Robert Tyus, Benjamin

Dennis, Willie Hamilton, George

Strauther, Rosie Briggs, Jewel

Martin, Georgia Martin.

12-B — Myrtle Allen, Irene Lloyd,

Joy Anne Lewis, Eunice Monroe,

The following students made all

"A's": Shirley Robinson, Ozie Williams, Willie Hamilton, George Strauther, Georgia Martin.

The following students made "B" average:

Bessie Milus, Mammie McKillion,

Will V. Rutherford, Jr., Marion

Hicks, J. C. McFadden, Richard

Cox, Alma Dennis, Betty Jones,

Josie Williams, Vera Williams,

Lula Milus, Marva Rutherford,

Charles Moses, Betty Brown, Maureen Lloyd, Shirley Henry, Leavenworth Green, Doris Jones, Alice Powell, Mildred Stuart, Viola Sampson, Geneva Fisher, Ruby Cooper, Dorothy Elliott, Arlene McFadden, James Johnson, Katie Cooper.

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Ark-La Told to Refund \$1.2 Million to Public; AP&L Rate of Return Declared Adequate

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Format orders for a \$1,200,000 refund of overcharges by Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co. to residential and commercial customers were issued yesterday by the state Public Service Commission.

The order followed a recent ruling by the Pulaski Circuit Court, which upheld the PSC's year-old decision granting a rate boost to the natural gas distribution firm.

Allowing the rate increase, the PSC cut \$800,000 off the original amount sought by Arkansas Louisiana. Since the company has been collecting the full amount of its request, it now must refund the difference to customers, and reduce its rates to the PSC approved level.

A two million dollar bond put up by Arkansas Louisiana covers the refunds, which probably will be mailed to about 140,000 customers in April. Company officials have estimated the average repayment \$6.40.

The lower rates are retroactive Feb. 1. The new charges will lower from \$1.20 to \$1.10 the price of the first 1,000 cubic feet of gas used each month. The price for each additional 1,000 cubic feet will be cut by three cents.

Tax Benefits for Farmers Suggested

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Forrest City businessman has suggested that Congress authorize special tax benefits for farm operations to relieve farmers from an economic squeeze which is cutting into their income.

J. W. Alderson Jr., a cotton planter and merchant, made the suggestion yesterday in testimony before a House Agriculture subcommittee. The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Gathings (D-Ark.), is considering a bill by Fathings to alleviate problems of cotton industry.

Alderson proposed that Congress extend such tax concessions as rapid amortization of capital investments, now available to businessmen.

The Gathings bill would attempt to bolster the sagging cotton industry by ordering the secretary of agriculture to export surplus American cotton at competitive prices; guaranteeing minimum small farmers, and imposing quota cotton acreage allotments on small farmers, and imposing quotas on imported textiles.

The subcommittee recessed yesterday until Feb. 6.

Junior Band Host to Clinic Feb. 17-18

With the local senior and junior bands acting as hosts, on February 17 and 18 Hopi will entertain about one hundred and forty junior high school band students from surrounding towns in this area. The occasion is the annual junior high school band clinic where representatives from all the junior bands will meet to form two well balanced units and rehearse together.

Cities and towns included in this area, known as Region IV of the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association, are Texarkana, DeQueen, Ashdown, Nashville, Lewisville, Stamps, Magnolia, Prescott, Gurdon, Arkadelphia, Hot Springs and Hope.

The junior musicians, all in the seventh, eighth, or ninth grades, will register at the high school band building at one o'clock Friday, February 17. Following competitive try-outs that afternoon, the students will be assembled in two eighty piece bands Friday night for warm-up rehearsals. A dance afterwards in the band hall will complete the evening's activities.

On Saturday the bands will start at 8:30 a. m., playing in alternating one-hour sessions, and continue until 4 p. m. when the clinic ends.

Guest conductor for the meet is a graduate of the Hope high school band, Tommy Kinser, who now is band director at Stuttgart, Arkansas. Kinser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kinser, reside at 229 South Main, Hope. In addition to degrees from the University of Arkansas and Indiana, Mr. Kinser has directed bands in Auburn, Indiana, also in Russellville, Arkansas, and at present, Stuttgart.

The Hope Band Auxiliary is seeking homes in which to entertain these students. Hosts will be asked to house them Friday night and give them breakfast. Mrs. A. W. Curran, chairman of the housing committee and she will appreciate all offers of facilities.

It had to be that way. No human being can remain frightened forever; he cannot endure a permanent panic.

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CHICAGO (UP) — USDA — Live poultry steady on caponettes and young stock, barely steady on hens; receipts in coops 360 yesterday 500 coops, 64,898 lb; f.o.b. paying prices unchanged; heavy hens 23-27; light hens 18-20.5; broilers or fryers 23-25; old roasters 14.5-15.5; caponettes under 4/2 lb 24-25; over 4/2 lb 28-30.

Butter steady; receipts 710,680; wholesale buying prices unchanged; 93 score AA 57; 92 A 57; 90 B 56.25; 89 C 55.5; cars 80 C 55.75; 89 C 56.25.

Eggs steady; receipts 11,878; wholesale buying prices unchanged; U.S. large whites 60-69.9 per cent A's 38.5-39; mixed 38.3-39; mediums 37; U.S. standards 37; dairies 36.5; chicks 35.5; current receipts 37.

NEW YORK (UP) — Prices declined gently in the Stock Market today in quiet early afternoon trading.

A burst of selling which sent some stocks down around 2 points soon after the opening was arrested with later improvement which kept losses to a minimum point or so. Some fractional gains appeared throughout the list.

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, ILL. (UP) — USDA — Hogs 8,500; strong to higher; bulk mixed U.S. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 180-230 lb 12.75-13.50; some lots 13.50 mostly Nos. 1 and 2 grade; about 300 head mostly Nos. 1 and 2 around 200-225 lb 13.75; about 35 head mostly No. 1, 13.85; mixed grade 230-270 lb 11.75-13.00; some mostly Nos. 1 and 2, 13.25; few 270-300 lb mostly Nos. 2 and 3 grade 11.50-12.00; 140-170 lb 11.25-12.50; 110-140 lb 9.50-11.25; sows 400 lb down 10.75-11.25; heavier sows 9.75-10.50; boars over 250 lb 6.50-7.50; lighter weights to 8.50.

Cattle 1,300, calves 600; steady to higher; most steers including good shortfeds 6.25-18.00 including load 1200 lb 17.50; several lots utility and commercial kinds 14.00-15.25; short load 14.00 being strictly utility few lots medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 15.00; some held considerably above 10.00 few lots good feeder steers 15.50-16.00; part load good feeder heifers 15.00; bulk utility and commercial cows 11.00-12.50; individual commercial cows to 13.00; cannars and cutters 8.50-11.00; top cutters up to 11.50; utility and commercial bulls 12.50-14.50; good and choice vealers 22.00-28.00; lower grade mainly 14.00-22.00; odd prime to 32.00.

Sheep 700; fully steady; around 200 head mostly choice lambs 95-100 lb averages 2050; several consignments mixed good and choice 19.50-20.00 and few utility and good 17.00-18.50; two loads small lots choice summer horned lambs 10.25-75; slaughter sheep unchanged.

Good Meat Prices This Weekend

By The Associated Press

You'll find a good selection of meats at special prices in your food markets this weekend, but pork appears to offer more value for your money.

Pork prices, which increased sharply at wholesale recently, have fallen again. Many stores are cutting prices. A large chain is shaving four to six cents a pound off pork chops.

Lamb prices don't show any major price change this week, but a number of stores will feature legs of lamb and lamb chops.

There will be special prices here and there on such beef items as prime ribs and sirloin and round steaks. Pot roast will be featured widely.

Stevenson's Backers to File a Slate

By JOSEPH D. KAMIN

CONCORD, N.H. (UP) — Supporters of Adlai Stevenson prepared to file a politically powerful 12-member slate of delegate candidates today to challenge Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary.

Their action assured an initial test of strength between Kefauver, trying to repeat his 1952 New Hampshire primary victory, and Stevenson, who has rejected the Tennessean's challenge for a show-down fight in the preference poll phase of this state's protracted March 13 primary.

In one phase of the primary, the voters express preference for a candidate himself. In the other, they choose delegates, either pledged or favorable to a candidate.

No slate backing Stevenson, 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, is running as favorable to him. In that category they do not need his consent, as they would if they were running as pledged candidates.

FOR HATCHING

TOKYO (UP) — The Japanese Farmers' Rehabilitation Association is hatching 150 dozen chicken eggs, donated by a California organization, on an isolated farm this year to make sure they don't meet the fate of a similar shipment last year.

The last shipment of 130 dozen eggs was hardly fit for hatching. Officials got through with them after strict Japanese quarantine officials got through with them. They had them boiled.

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PRESCOTT NEWS

Celia Ann McSwain Is Married in Home

In a bridal setting of white blossoms and candlelight, Miss Celia Ann McSwain, daughter of Mrs. Charles Douglas McSwain and the late Mr. McSwain, exchanged marriage vows with John Arthur Beyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roy Beyer of Houston, Tex. The ceremony took place at four o'clock Saturday afternoon in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ottis Grady Hirst, uncle and aunt of the bride.

Rev. Warren D. Golden officiated. Music was by Miss Judy Gilbert. Martin Gilbert lighted white tapers which stood in candelabra interspersed with arrangements of white specimen chrysanthemums and stock.

For her wedding the bride wore a waltz length gown of Chantilly lace and tulle over satin. The portrait neckline was outlined in seed pearls. A pearl-trimmed lace cap held her illusion veil which fell to her fingertips. She carried a cascade of white camellias and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. William Patton Combs of El Dorado as her sister's only attendant wore a waltz length frock of blue peau de soie and carried pink camellias and sweet heart roses. William Blake Traylor of Houston was best man.

For the reception which followed the bride's table was covered with an imported embroidered and cut work cloth. The centerpiece was of white daisy chrysanthemums and stock intermingled with white maline bells in a silver bowl flanked by silver candelabra holding lighted white tapers. Mrs. M. A. Hitt of Little Rock served the three tiered white decorated wedding cake topped with a white nosegay.

CRIME "WAVE"

FREMONT, Calif. (UPI)—This newly incorporated Alameda county town recorded its first "major crime" Monday night when a small boy entered a store with a gun that "looked very real" and demanded bubble gum.

When the proprietor, Mrs. Marvels Gillespie, reached for a telephone the pint-sized bandit ripped the phone cord from the wall and fled empty handed. —Mc-

Donald Combs of El Dorado

Dinner Party in
Bemis Home

Miss Celia Ann McSwain and John Beyer, whose wedding was an event of Saturday afternoon, were complimented with a dinner party on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bemis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs.

H. H. McKenzie, Jim McKenzie, Mr.

and Mrs. D. L. McRae Jr., Mr.

and Mrs. T. M. Bemis, Miss Ethel McRae Bemis of Houston, Texas, Mr.

and Mrs. J. H. Bemis, Mr. and

Other guests included Mr. and

Mrs. Frank Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs.

J. H. Bemis, Dr. and Mrs. O. G.

Hirst, Mrs. C. D. McSwain and Mrs.

Pat Combs of El Dorado

Swain wedding.

The living room was decorated with arrangements of white carnations and potted azaleas were placed in the sun room.

The dinner was served from the dining table overlaid with a linen cut work madera cloth and held a central arrangement of white gladioli flanked by white tapers in candelabra.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Greeson, Mrs. Matt Hitt of Little Rock, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, Mr. John Beyer and his bride-elect of Houston, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Combs and Janet of El Dorado, Miss Judy Gilbert, Martin Gilbert, and Mrs. C. D. McSwain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis had

as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jordan, Miss Jo Nell Jordan of Texarkana, Mr. and

Mrs. Joe Reid, Mrs. Buck Wells and Sarah of Gurdon.

S. D. Dickinson of Little Rock spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Sam Dickinson.

John Stark of Little Rock spent the weekend with Mrs. Stark who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. King King Jr.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Hicks of Gurdon visited Mr. Minto McGill Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cole.

Miss Ethel McRae Bemis of Houston was the weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bemis.

Mrs. T. A. Lavender and Mr. and Mrs. J. Leland Lavender of Hope spent Saturday in Texarkana.

Miss Lelia Hickhambottom of Mrs. C. H. Tompkins spent part of last week in Hot Springs. Cancy was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bolls.

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Knapp said he went home after bowling and having "a few drinks" and decided to put the garbage in the dumbwaiter.

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Como Show Is Giving Gleason Some Trouble

BY CHARLES MERCER

NEW YORK (AP) — Almost any day now we'll probably hear officially that Jackie Gleason's Honeymoons is moving back from 8:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time Saturday evenings on CBS-TV opposite Perry Como on NBC-TV. Como, as widely publicized, has moved ahead of Gleason in the viewer ratings.

Stage Show the Gleason-owned program which has been in the 6 p.m. spot on CBS-TV, will come on at 8:30 p.m. Two for the Monday p.m. spot on CBS-TV, will come on at 8:30 p.m. Two for the Monday, the Herb Shriner quiz show currently appearing on CBS-TV at 9 p.m. Saturdays, probably will move into another week-night slot. Into that Saturday evening slot will come a new firmed comedy series, Joe and Mabel, a program that went back to the shop for further tinkering last summer.

I pressed for official confirmation of this, all parties involved probably would deny it. But that's what I see in the crystal ball as happening.

As long ago as last April when Gleason was riding near the top of the viewer ratings he was asking CBS for the 8 p.m. slot this season. But it didn't turn out that way. For one thing, the sponsor of Two for the Money had an agreement that the program was to follow Gleason. Now Shriner has signed a five-year contract with CBS for a weekly hour variety show to begin late next fall. That means that Two for the Money, which incidentally has good rat-

Just a Corpse at Twilight

By Robert Martin

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CHAPTER XXII

The sheriff drove back sullenly and didn't speak until we'd reached his office and were seated at his desk. Then he said petulantly, "I ain't in the mood for any more ramming. Pay me what you want me."

I laid a dollar and a dime on the desk. He pocketed it, and then took a ring of keys from the top of the desk, unlocked a drawer, and leaned down, grunting. He came up with something in his closed hand. "There she is," he said, and opened his hand, revealing a small gray lead pellet.

"That's the slug Doc Jarrett dug

out of Alice. All we gotta do is find the rifle that fired it and we got Alice's killer."

I looked at the little misshapen lump, a tiny chunk of lead that carried death, and I thought of another chunk, trifle larger, that had imbedded itself in the front seat of my car. "Take good care of it, Sheriff," I said.

"I will," he said impatiently. "Keep it locked up right here. He dropped the bullet back into the desk drawer.

He held the cigar stub delicately between two fingers, puffed slowly, and regarded me silently for a moment. Then he said, "You're tough, but I'm tougher, because I've been around a lot longer and there's not much I ain't seen. This business about Alice is strictly my problem—but I could use you, if you'd cooperate."

"How?"

"Tell me the real reason you're interested in Alice and what happened to her."

"I told you. I wanted her permission to do the autopsy on her husband."

"You claim you got that, not that it's legal. Why mess around now?"

"I was shot at, twice. I think it connects with Alice Osborn's death."

"What else?" he asked softly. "For an instant I found it difficult to meet his narrow gaze, but I did, and I said, "I think maybe it's my fault that Alice Osborn was killed. I feel I owe her something."

He waved the cigar stub impatiently. "So you're just a knight in what the poets call shiny armor, is that it? I think your tin suit is rusty. I think you got other reasons."

"Maybe."

"All right. We'll leave it like that. If somebody killed Alice, I want to catch the varmint as bad as you do. Ill let you work with me—if we can make a deal."

"What kind of a deal?"

"You just forget Frank Osborn's autopsy."

"That's Tuesday," I said, "and we're going to do it. Are we pals until then?"

"It depends."

It was almost 6 when I entered the Blue Ridge Hotel. There was no mail for me at the desk, and I had a lonely dinner. At 8:30, when it was dark and the city lights probed the purplish-black sky, I returned to my silent room, put on pajamas and lay on the bed.

I picked up a book and tried to read. After Chapter Four, I laid it aside, closed my eyes and presently I slept.

A shrill jangling awoke me. I blinked in the brightness and wondered what had happened to the night. My bedside light glowed with a feeble yellowish against the sun at the window. I brought

ings, is in for a change. Sponsor and network must be approaching some sort of understanding.

Gleason has been doing a lot of several million dollars worth of publicity in the newspapers. Yelling is always confusing and rather meaningless. The crux of the matter is Perry Como. Both Gleason and CBS feel they have to do something about him. Whatever their family differences, they're united under the banner of "Beat Como."

Let's always view television ratings skeptically. But even the most skeptical agree that Gleason's audience has slipped badly. Can he recapture it simply by moving his time back half an hour? I don't think so.

Off and on, as the weeks pass, I continue to watch The Honeymoons. It's a cast of superb actors, paced by a great comedian, almost always working from excellent scripts. Then what troubles me—and possibly many like me?

I'm simply tired of the formula of Ralph, the bus driver, and Alice, his long-suffering wife, fighting it out on that same bleak apartment set. I long for the old free-wheeling days of Reggle van Gleason and the wonderful variety of characters and situations this man Gleason can play.

Adlai Ends Talks
in California

By NORMAN BELL

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) — An expression of confidence in victory and a promise to leave "agility in tooting the brim of war" to Republicans ended Adlai Stevenson's eight-day California campaign swing last night.

"I am confident," he said in response to a news conference question as to how he felt about his June 5 Democratic presidential primary contest in California with Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver.

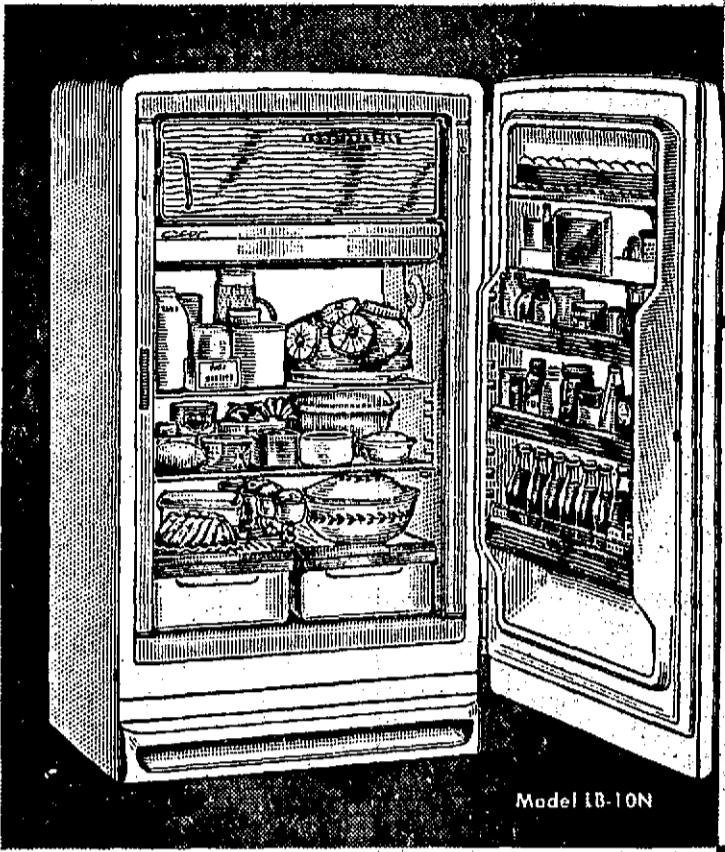
The reference to the "brim of war" statement attributed to Secretary of State Dulles in a magazine article was made by Stevenson in a brief public talk that concluded the campaign.

revolver, checked to make certain that the cylinder was full and that the safety was on, and placed it beneath my arm was familiar and the muzzle down in the inside pocket of my coat. Since working for the gun, it didn't matter much how Commission I'd gotten out of the you carried it; a fast draw was no help for Wild Bill Hickok when Jack McCall shot him in the back as he sat at the poker table holding the dead man's hand of aces and eight.

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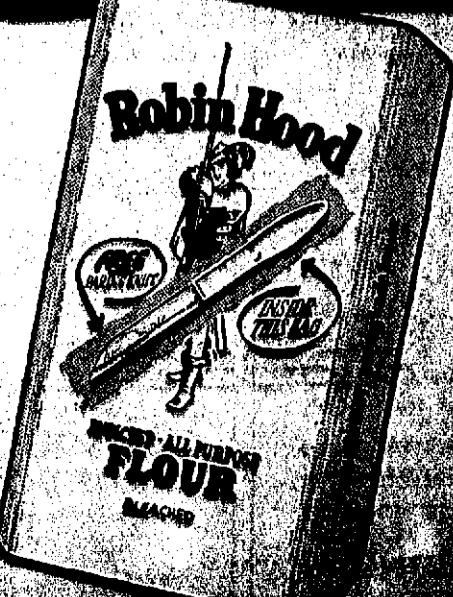


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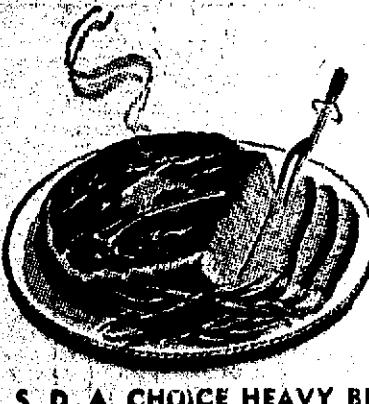
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